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TAGS: PORG, PFOR,

SUBJECT: DAKAR AFRO-ARAB MEETING: POSSIBLE SUSPENSION
ISRAEL FROM THE UN

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1. US IS CONCERNED THAT PROPOSAL ALONG LINES OF THAT
PRESSED LAST YEAR BY SYRIA FOR SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL
FROM UNGA OR ANOTHER PART OF UN WILL SHORTLY BE
CONSIDERED WITHIN THE NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE
(NACC), OR SURFACED AT ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING
IN ISTANBUL IN LATE MAY. A POSSIBILITY EXISTS, HOWEVER,
THAT IT MIGHT SURFACE EVEN EARLIER, AT AFRO-ARAB
FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN DAKAR BEGINNING APRIL 19.
THIS IS PRIMARILY AN ECONOMIC MEETING BUT WE MUST
ASSUME SUSPENSION ISSUE MAY ARISE. LIKELIHOOD OF
THIS IS HEIGHTENED BY RECENT DISCLOSURE THAT SOUTH
AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER IS VISITING JERUSALEM APRIL 8-11
ON PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY PLACES AND WILL BE GUEST OF
ISRAELI GOVERNMENT. ANY ENDORSEMENT OF IDEA OF ISRAELI
SUSPENSION BY DAKAR MEETING WOULD CREATE MOMENTUM
INFLUENCING SERIES OF NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS DESCRIBED
IN REFTTEL WHICH CLIMAX AT COLOMBO NAM SUMMIT JUST
BEFORE 31ST UNGA.

2. DEPARTMENT DESIRES THAT US VIEWS BE MADE KNOWN TO
MODERATE AFRICAN STATES WHICH WILL BE
PRESENT AT THE DAKAR MEETING.

APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE IN CONTEXT
OF OTHER BUSINESS AND SHOULD BE LOW KEY AS WE DO NOT WANT
TO ATTRACT UNDUE ATTENTION TO ISSUE WHICH HAS NOT
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RPT NOT YET SURFACED AS FIRM PROPOSAL BUT IF
OPPORTUNITIES DO NOT PRESENT THEMSELVES THEN DAKAR
MEETING ITSELF SHOULD BE BASIS OF APPROACH.

TALKING POINTS:

A. US REMAINS COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO SUSPENSION OR
EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL OR ANY OTHER UN MEMBER FROM UNGA

OR ANY PART OF UN SYSTEM ESPECIALLY WHEN ATTEMPTED THROUGH MANIPULATION OF CHARTER APPROVED PROCEDURES. THIS IS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE AS WELL AS FOR THE SAKE OF UN (ACTION POSTS MAY WHERE APPROPRIATE RECALL EFFORTS LAST YEAR AT OAU MEETING WHICH HALTED MOMENTUM OF RADICALS TO MOVE FOR ISRAEL SUSPENSION).

B. SUSPENSION OF ANY UN MEMBER, ESPECIALLY A SMALL NATION, IS BAD PRECEDENT AS PROCESS COULD BE USED AGAINST OTHERS. FURTHERMORE, SUSPENSION BY USE OF CREDENTIALS PROCESS IS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN CHARTER WHICH STATES THAT MEMBER STATE MAY BE DEPRIVED OF ITS RIGHTS ONLY ON RECOMMENDATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL.

C. UN HAS BEEN MOVING IN DIRECTION OF UNIVERSAL MEMBERSHIP AND STEPS TO LIMIT RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP BECAUSE OF DISAPPROVAL OF POLICIES WOULD INEVITABLY WEAKEN UN.

D. PUBLIC REACTION TO ANY SUCH MOVE IN WEST WOULD WEAKEN SUPPORT FOR UN, PERHAPS BEYOND REPAIR, AND, OF ALMOST EQUAL IMPORTANCE, MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS IN MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS EVEN MORE DIFFICULT.

3. ACTION AT DAKAR MEETING TO REAFFIRM OR AMPLIFY 30TH UNGA RESOLUTION EQUATING ZIONISM/RACISM IS ANOTHER POTENTIAL PROBLEM. US STAND ON THIS RESOLUTION IS ABSOLUTELY CLEAR AND WE HAVE SAID THAT WE WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY MEETINGS WHERE THIS FORMULA IS INVOKED. TO OUR REGRET THIS ISSUE HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR US PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAMS ON THE

DECADE OF ACTION AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. IF THIS
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ISSUE COMES UP IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE ITS IMPACT ON US PUBLIC AND CONGRESS, NOTING THAT ITS POTENTIAL FOR NEGATIVE EFFECT ON US ROLE IN UN ALMOST AS GREAT AS IMPACT OF ILLEGAL SUSPENSION OF A UN MEMBER FROM UNGA. YOU MAY ADD THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD HAVE DAMAGING IMPACT ON CONTINUED PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT IN US FOR FORTHCOMING PROPOSALS WE ARE CURRENTLY PURSUING IN UN BODIES SINCE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION.

4. FOR DAKAR. SINCE THIS IS FIRST OF SERIES OF MEETINGS WHERE SUSPENSION ISSUE MAY ARISE DEPT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN CORRIDOR ATTITUDES AND DELEGATE ROLES ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES AS WELL AS FORMAL CONFERENCE POSITIONS. RECOGNIZE HEAVY DEMANDS

ON EMBASSY AT THIS TIME AND LIMITS WHICH MAY BE
PLACED ON REPORTING BUT WILL APPRECIATE AS FULL
REPORTING ON SUSPENSION ISSUE CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT.

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